

# Transform your forklift fleet into smart and efficient IoT devices with GlobeRanger's Connected Forklift Solution



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In an increasingly volatile environment, traditional warehouse management methods struggle to keep up – especially in a climate of cost-cutting and reduced resources.

Manufacturers also need improved asset management solutions to locate parts, reduce losses, prove authenticity of assets and optimize processes.

**GlobeRanger's Connected Forklift Solution can help to improve the visibility of assets throughout your warehouse operations by managing data from multiple sources in near real-time.**

Utilizing the very latest RFID and wireless connected technology, the GlobeRanger Connected Forklift Solution automatically records an item's description, weight, and its location once the item is stored. This data is captured and can be automatically sent to your legacy and backend systems such as ERPs, WMS/WES and others. **The data can be shared and is available for easy retrieval** on web apps, tablets and handheld devices, allowing operators to quickly and accurately track and locate specific items from anywhere within your warehouse operations.

**The GlobeRanger Connected Forklift Solution can easily be adapted to many makes and models of forklift and Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs).** The solution is self-contained in a ruggedized housing and includes GlobeRanger Edge Connect software to enable location tracking and connectivity to back-end and legacy systems. The solution also includes an integrated weigh scale to provide details about an items weight at pick-up and put-away and can notify you of any changes upon that item's retrieval.

## Seamless integration with existing and new technology

Crucially with GlobeRanger solutions, there is no need for any changes to existing supply chain management systems, or back-end infrastructure. The software seamlessly integrates existing and new technologies, preserving past investments while enabling new edge applications. This level of connectivity has the potential to exploit the Internet of Things (IoT), as more and more devices are connected to the Internet.



## Solution overview

### 1 Edge Connect (Roof Mounted)

Edge Connect module is fitted in a ruggedized container mounted in the forklift's cab, powered by a 12 or 24v DC power supply.

### 2 RFID Antennas

The antennas are mounted by the rearview mirrors using variable mounts and connected via RF cables (6' and 8' long).

### 3 Rugged Tablet

A ruggedized tablet provides near real-time feedback to the driver as weighing operations are completed.

### 4 RFID Tagged Crate

Loads are tagged with durable RFID tags to allow for automated identification.

### 5 Integrated Weigh Scale

An integrated weigh scale is fitted to the forklift, interfacing directly with Edge Connect.



## Optional iMotion™ – harnessing near real-time data

The optional addition of GlobeRanger's highly configurable iMotion™ platform lets you choose what data will be communicated back to your host systems for analysis and archiving. GlobeRanger's iMotion platform has been designed to truly enable an organization's business processes and decision-making. Capturing and sharing error-free data and translating it into insightful information with context delivers near real-time intelligence that enables trusted and highly informed decision-making.

iMotion™ gathers, filters and processes data from this sophisticated network of devices and sensors located on assets throughout your organization's value chain. These magnetic tags are small, discrete, and can be applied to

practically any small asset that is considered important enough to be tracked and traced. Flexible data collection and processing at the edge allows organizations to filter input so they can manage by exception and receive near real-time notification when user-determined thresholds are neared, met or exceeded.

Your business rules determine what you want to monitor, what data you receive, when it should be reported and the automated responses and alerts the system should make. Having actionable information can make the difference between planned and unplanned downtime, and associated costs. GlobeRanger delivers unprecedented levels of supply chain visibility. Waste can be reduced, or even eliminated, and bottlenecks easily identified.



# Technical specifications

## Optional iMotion™ – harnessing near real-time data

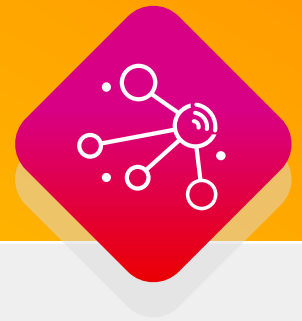
| Feature                  | Specification  | Option   |
|--------------------------|--|----------|
| RFID Antenna ports       | Supports 2 external antennas with optional support for 2 additional external antennas                            | Included |
| Power Input              | Supports a 9 to 36 Vdc power source requiring a maximum of 15 watts  | Included |
| Communication            | Reader supports wireless 802.11a/b/g/n/ac (2.4 and 5 GHz) and Bluetooth 4.1                                      | Included |
| GPS (Outdoor RTLS)       | Reader optional support for GNSS (Optional - GPS antenna required)   | Optional |
| Sensors and Alert (GPIO) | Optional support for 2 sensor inputs and 2 alert outputs (for external sensors or notification lights / buzzers) | Optional |

## Physical and environmental

| Feature               | Specification  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Dimensions (l - w -h) | 11 x 7 x 6 inches – Edge Connect Module  |
| Weight                | Approximately 4 lbs  |
| Operating Environment | -40°C to 50°C, 100% humidity   |
| Environment           | IP67 rated SensThys RFID Reader (casing and connectors)<br>IP67 rated Nema Enclosure bulkhead connectors<br>IP67 rated Nema bulkhead power connector |

## RFID reader

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|----------------------------|--|
| Reader Protocol            | EPC Class 1 Gen 2 and 18000 – 6C   |
| Operating Frequency        | 902.75 MHz – 927.25 MHz  |
| Hopping Channels           | 50   |
| Channel Spacing            | 500 KHz  |
| Channel Dwell Time         | < 0.4 seconds  |
| RF Transmitter             | < 30 dBm   |
| Modulation Methods         | Phase Reversal – Amplitude Shift Keying (PR-ASK)<br>Double Side Band – Amplitude Shift Keying (DB-ASK) |
| 20 dB Modulation Bandwidth | < 100 KHz  |



# Technical specifications (cont.)

## Antenna and RF interface

| Feature             | Specification   |
|---------------------|---|
| RF Transmit Power   | +33 dBm   |
| Operating Frequency | 902.75 MHz – 927.25 MHz (Region code is field assignable) |

## Software

| Feature           | Specification   |
|-------------------|---|
| Edge Connect      | Communication, business logic and device management software                                |
| iMotion™ Edgeware | Optional software platform to support additional integration into existing back-end systems |

### GlobeRanger Connected Forklift Reader – at-a-glance:

Modernize your warehouse and logistics operations by leveraging the very latest IoT technologies, to save time and money by automating previous manual tasks while eliminating lost items.

#### GlobeRanger Connected Forklift Reader features:

- Easy installation, mounted inside forklift cab or on the AGV
- Supports standard forklift 12 or 24 Vdc accessory power
- Small adjustable rugged external antennas – two antennas available with two additional antennas optional
- Automatic capture of crate's weight on forks through a direct interface with forklift weigh scales
- Automatic read of the crate's RFID tag when a valid crate weight is reported by the weigh scale
- Rugged, waterproof enclosure makes it suitable for harsh commercial or industrial environments.

**A comprehensive 12-month warranty is included, with an optional annual maintenance agreement available.**

## Why choose GlobeRanger?

GlobeRanger IoT and Asset Tracking Solutions are flexible and scalable, and our end-to-end implementation service means you can start small and realize value early in the solution deployment. GlobeRanger is hardware independent, we match best-of-breed devices, sensors and RFID tags to your requirements.

GlobeRanger delivers rapid time-to-value. Our patented emulation technology allows us to architect, design and implement solutions in days or weeks. By focusing on our customer's specific needs and requirements we can create early wins that enable our customers to meet or exceed their business case and ROI expectations.



### GlobeRanger – improving the visibility of our customer's operations since 1999

GlobeRanger was founded in 1999 to help organizations improve the visibility of their business operations. Using a combination of our technology platform and years of specialist experience, we simplify the development, deployment, and management of IoT technology and sensor-based solutions. Today, we are widely recognized as an industry leader in IoT Enablement and RFID-based Asset Tracking Solutions. As an end-to-end solution provider, we work with our customers across a broad range of industries to deliver the most reliable, scalable, and flexible enterprise edge solutions, at the lowest cost of ownership.

Our innovative approach was strengthened further in 2014 when GlobeRanger was acquired by Fujitsu.

GlobeRanger's solid grounding in IoT Enablement and Asset Tracking Solutions now benefit from the backing of one of the world's largest technology firms. Worldwide support and access to a \$1.6 billion annual R&D budget has helped us to retain our agility to move quickly and spearhead the latest industry developments.

Leveraging Fujitsu global footprint and financial strength, Fujitsu and GlobeRanger collaborate to bring best-in-class solutions for industrial IoT and manufacturing, distribution and logistics, aviation, defense and many other industries. The combination of Fujitsu financial strength and industry knowledge combined with GlobeRanger's IoT and RFID expertise bring our customers the high value, low risk solutions they need to transform their organizations.

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